

## Should Keep House Clean All Seasons of the Year

It is the wisest plan to keep a house neat than to have a periodical upheaval for the removal of rubbish that in accumulating has marred the comfort and endangered the health of the household.

The carpet that has not been lifted for a year offers breeding grounds for moths and flies, to say nothing of the germs of divers diseases.

Take it up every spring, have it beaten out-of-doors and fumigated as well. Burning sulphur in a broad pan, over which the carpet is held, right side down, and passed slowly along until the fumes reach every thread is a simple and effectual way of doing the work.

Before relaying it, scrub the floor with wood alcohol in which have been dissolved six ounces of gum camphor to a gallon of alcohol.

Rugs should be shaken hard weekly, brushed daily with a whisk dampened with salt and water or with alcohol, and beaten monthly in the open air.

Hardwood floors require daily attention. A flannel cloth—stout and coarse—made into a bag and shirred about the handle, inclosing the brushy part of the broom, is the best utensil for sweeping hard boards. It, too, works best when slightly dampened. It takes up instead of scattering the dust.

Burn your sweepings!

If you cannot get an open fire in

grate or chimney, kindle an auto-dust for the express purpose of cremating the contents of the dustpan.

And do it at once. Don't set the pan of noxious rubbish in a draft that will carry infusoria into new hunting grounds. Beat your duster over burning coals, or dip it into hot water, and hang in the sun to dry. To cram it into closet or drawer is to make a fungus bed.

Let down curtains that are looped back, and shake out the folds every few days. Do this before you sweep. Cover furniture and beds with sweeping sheets and hang the same before open book shelves preparatory to plying broom and duster.

If housewives could, they would double the number of places where things may be shielded from dust by doors and glass. One of the methods for keeping as clean as possible lies in shutting out all the flying particles that compose dust which can be excluded by mortal care.

Closets must be watched jealously. Let the ubiquitous particles quicken into active life. Beat clothing and draperies out of doors on sunny days; sweep walls and wash shelves.

If you have reason to suspect moths, burn sulphur in the closet, or spray with gasoline and leave the door closed for a day before putting back what you have taken out.

The price of (comparative) cleanliness is eternal vigilance.

### New Potatoes on Market; Supply Small, Prices High

Among the luxuries that Washington people are indulging in at the present time are new potatoes. There are not very many of them in the market and the price is so high that but few can afford to eat any but old ones. A recent shipment of new potatoes from Florida brought \$5 a barrel wholesale.

All the new potatoes in the Washington markets at the present time are from Florida. Bermuda potatoes at this time of year do not get any farther than New York where the demand is heavy enough to absorb the entire supply.

The increased cost of freight from the Bermudas and the rebanding in New York would make them unprofitable to the shipper if they were sent on to this city.

### TULLE FOR DRAPINGS.

The figured lace and tulle which has been used for lace veils is happily being deflected from that employment to the milliner's trimmings and draperies. Some of the finest tulle is made of it and the coarser it is the better the milliner seems to like it. Turbans are trimmed with huge bows of such lace or net.

### Onions Are Often Used In Place of Medicines

The onion is both a soporific and a purgative.

Eaten raw, it acts as a soporific. Fried brown in gravy, with a little salt added, it not only makes a fine dish with meats, etc., but relieves one of the use of medicines, acting as a purgative.

Roast an onion in hot embers or on coals, peel off all the outer scales to the heart, and apply just inside the ear as hot as can be borne; tie up the head in a woolen piece. The soothing effects will soon put you to sleep, and when you rouse up the earache will be gone. Or if there is a rising in the head, continue the applications until it breaks. Wash roasted onions and apply them hot on a flannel piece to the chest. This will break up incipient pneumonia, or applied to the throat, the early stages of diphtheria. It will also soothe corns and bunions.

### TO REMOVE IRON RUST.

A mixture of benzine and borax, equal quantities, will remove the worst case of rust. Care should be taken not to use benzine near a light or fire.

## QUAINT AND CHIC BONNETS SHOWN HERE



### Daily Fashion Talk.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

THE girl who wishes to have some coquettish clothes and most any really sensible girl does, will do well to take a careful second glance at the collection of "bonnets" I am printing today. Quaintness and chic are the two predominating features of the models pictured.

For the auto car enthusiast some such headgear is really an absolute necessity. The motor car girl, however, is not the only person who may make use of the suggestions offered, since quaint evening hoods or bonnets are enjoying a deserved vogue. Delicately pretty and becoming these accessories may be made, too, with frills and ruffles and touches of color imparted by fetching introductions of delicately tinted blossoms. When purchased in the shops, these creations are terribly expensive, when made at home they come quite within the average purse. For real service I

commend everybody's attention to No. 1. Made of cravenette of a silvery

shade of gray, a silver disk at either side holds the veil which is draped about the hood at the neck.

Figs. 2 and 3 are the front and rear views of a serviceable auto hood of straw trimmed with rosettes of Chinese blue velvet ribbons caught with cabochons of jet.

Fig. 4 is a faddy little creation of dust colored silk made with a double frill of ecru chiffon about the face and fringed with a dust colored chiffon veil caught at either side with a large ornament.

Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are variations of evening hoods and bonnets, the last two having a straw foundation.

## Present Puzzle the Best Of All, Assert Puzzlers

BY AN oversight the first number and the fifth in the original puzzle presented by Major Stevens was omitted when publishing the problem, consequently the puzzlers will be relieved from the necessity of working out the sentence spelled by the initials of the names of the characters chosen.

Strange as it may seem this omission did not serve to perplex the contestants, several of whom called my attention to the omission as they forwarded their solutions.

According to one of my friends the puzzle is "the best ever," and everybody up to date has declared it quite difficult enough even to please those who have a mind for a "hard" position. Expert testimony, indeed, is that included in the following note from the author of last week's puzzle:

My dear Miss Carroll: I am sending in my answer to today's puzzle, which I consider plenty hard enough as well as being extremely clever. Apparently two of its members have escaped somewhere and it is too late tonight for me to try to catch them with no hint as to their identity.

I wish to thank you for all the complimentary comments on my puzzle of last week and to express my appreciation of the very clever and appropriate answer sent in by the winner of the first prize. Very sincerely yours,

END A. C. SPAULING.

I surmise Miss Spaulding would have

### PRIZES OFFERED PUZZLE SOLVERS

Weekly prizes of five, three, and two dollars, respectively, are given to the contestants for the puzzle printed on the Woman's Page of the Sunday evening edition of The Times each week for the three solutions adjudged worthy.

The contest, which closes at 3 p. m. on Friday of each week, is open to all who care to solve the puzzles. The awards are based, primarily, on correctness, timeliness, and neatness. Originality in presentation also receives consideration in awarding the prizes.

been equally well pleased at the complete and beautifully presented lists which won second and third places for their owners had she seen them. Indeed the superior merit in presentation, which as you all know is one of the points considered by the judges, was remarked by all who had anything to do with the collection of solutions sent in last week.

James Carroll

### TOMATO JELLY SALAD.

Tomato jelly salad sprinkled with minced green pepper dressed with mayonnaise and served on lettuce leaves is an excellent substitute for the fresh vegetable. Mold the jelly in low cups, cut in half, and it is the exact shape of a slice of the fruit. Heat a quart can of tomatoes and let them simmer for ten minutes. Then strain them through a colander, season with salt and a little sugar, add gelatine in the proportion suggested by the recipes that come with the gelatine and turn into the molds.

### GINGER BREAD.

1 quart New Orleans molasses.  
1 quart sour milk.  
1 pound lard.  
1 pound brown sugar.  
2 level tablespoons of good soda.  
2 tablespoons of ginger.  
Four enough to make soft dough. Roll out to half inch in thickness, cut in square sheets or the usual round cakes. Glaze the tops with beaten egg and bake in moderate oven. These are fine and will keep for weeks in covered box or vessel.

### TO SERVE APPLES.

Peel and core apples, but leave whole, then steam until done. Put on plate and sprinkle with pulverized sugar and set aside until ready to serve. Then fill with equal parts of chopped walnuts and dates and cover with whipped cream.

### FOULARD FROCKS.

Color and pretty frocks of figured foulard will be worn later on, for motorizing and traveling under the stunning pongee coats. One of these smart coats, made of natural colored foulard, shows the huge, overlapping collar and revers of the best new models. At the neck of the coat is a bit of melted paraffin on the wrong side of the coat is a piece of Persian silk. With this traveling coat is worn an attractive straw bonnet, the golden yellow straw being combined with pale green ribbon.

### USE OF PARAFFIN.

Buttonholes in silken and other goods of this sort may be easily worked by dropping a bit of melted paraffin on the wrong side of the goods just where the buttonhole is to be made. Smooth down with the finger and work the buttonhole on the right side. When finished, put heavy brown paper on the wrong side and press with a warm iron to remove the paraffin.

### FLOWER RECEPTACLES.

Heavy plants, such as the cactus and hydrangea, should be grown in wooden vessels. The vessels are more suitable for porch ornaments, retain the moisture longer, can be painted to match porch furnishings, and are not inconvenient to handle if handles are nailed on each side. Flowers grown in wooden vessels are stronger than those grown in glazed crocks or tin vessels.

## The Ticklemouse —and his Sleepyland Adventures By Roy Rutherford Bailey with Davy and Dorfy

### Spotting Mr. Leopard

DAVY bounced out of bed last night at the first touch of the tickle of the tip of Mr. Ticklemouse's tail. He was in such a hurry to get the Noah's Ark animals repainted.

Dorfy was too sleepy to hurry, but when she did rub her eyes and sit up in bed, she saw a funny little game going on by the glow of the gas jet, lamp. Davy stood ready at the gas jet, while the Mouse skated back and forth across the soft Persian rug. Suddenly the Mouse squeaked, "Turn it on!" and held one skinny knuckle to the jet. The gas burst into flame.

"It's electricity," explained Davy, proudly. "Cap'n Ticklemouse says he's going to take us for another Ark cruise, with 'lectric power, so we can't get shipwrecked."

Dorfy watched the Ark grow bigger. "But couldn't we finish painting the poor animals first?"

The Ticklemouse laughed and showed her wet wolves and giraffes stuck fast to the cabin door. "Davy was right," he told her, "you used the wrong kind of paint—of course they'd stick together!"

They helped him launch the ark, now so big as to be very heavy lifting. And as it whirled through the night and landed—whirl—splash!—in the sea, the twins splashed Shem, Ham, and Japheth taking turns skating around on the rug, while the Mouse had spread out on deck. At each turn across, they reached out a knuckle to a shiny brass knob, and a bright, crackling spark made the twins jump.

"My new three-man-power motor," remarked the Mouse with some pride. The Ark was plowing along at a great speed. The night was calm and no water came aboard. The animals were quiet—all except the leopard and the zebra, who were too uneasy without their spots and stripes to keep still long.

They docked at a long, sticky pier and drove the animals ashore. Scrambling down the gangplank, Dorfy stumbled and fell on the pier, driving a tiny red silver into one finger. She stuck it into her mouth—and began to smile; it was sweet! The sticky pier was built of fancy-striped sticks of candy!

"Ha, ha!" laughed the Ticklemouse. "The Boss Painter is always up to something like that—bound to decorate everything within reach. That's his studio over there." They helped him

drive the animals up to the door of the oddly painted house. The cat tribe alone was muzzled, but the zebra began to act balky.

The Boss Painter seemed to be expecting them. He threw open his door. In they trooped, animals, crew and all. He had long, snowy whiskers then the nicest, kindest eyes. He smiled and scratched his head; and beneath the little red skull-cap Davy saw he was as bald as an Easter egg. He nodded brightly at the Mouse, threw a kiss to the twins, and finished putting the gold

and fought like fury. He and the zebra gave the crew a bad half-hour, in which Dorfy just missed getting kicked by the zebra, and poor little Davy got a splinter in his hand—a vicious sizzling snap from the leopard's long wooden teeth. The Boss Painter tied up the hand.

"What's the bill, brother?" asked the Mouse, when the last stroke of the brush left the animals shining like new. "A dozen kisses from each twin," answered the Boss Painter, promptly. "If you could always pay me in that coin I'd be worth more to me than all the money in Miceland!"

He gathered them both in his great, warm arms and kissed them tenderly. He seemed more like Santa Claus than anyone Davy and Dorfy had ever seen.

"But what would you have done, Captain Ticklemouse," asked Davy sleepily, as the Mouse tucked them into bed at last, "what if the leopard had kept right on scratching and biting? Would you have left him all drab like our old tomat?"

"Not a thousand years," chuckled the Ticklemouse. "Not in a thousand years. Mrs. Noah was behind the screen heating a turkey under in the grate; and if old Mr. Leopard hadn't come to time when he did, he'd have had a lively lesson in burnt-wood work. She had everything all nice and ready to sizzle his pecky hide full of brand-new spots with the Boss Painter's red-hot poker!"

and black bands on a patient bumblebee.

"Found another set that needed fresh paint, eh?" and he set the bee aside to dry. "All right, Ticklebrother—which comes first?"

"Cats first," said the Mouse, somewhat pale around the ears; he dodged behind the easel while Shem and Ham blundered the leopard. The Boss Painter mixed up some fresh colors in a row of bluebell cups—using morning dew instead of oils—winked at Dorfy, and began spotting the leopard. The big cat didn't like the cool paint,

### Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Wednesday, April 13, 1910.

Bright shines the merchant's star, but dangerous is all war.

JUPITER is in benefic aspect with the moon this day, Mars is in eclipse conjunction and Mercury occupies a position of influence.

Fire, weapons, and strife are under evil signs this day. Workers with sharp or pointed instruments, metals, fire, or whirling machinery are under good signs; but unskilled persons must exercise great caution in handling anything sharp, approaching flames, or touching machinery.

Great care will be necessary this day in crossing roadways and entering or leaving vehicles. The signs over commerce and industry are unusually good. The merchant should feel the effects. Salespeople should push the bright tendencies of the day to their utmost ability.

It is a lucky time for opening new places of business, beginning new things and dealing with bankers. Writings are under favorable signs. There should be luck in anything connected with liquids, brewing, distilling, canning, bottling, and preserving.

The day is good for hiring men. Travel is under a lucky sign. Physicians, surgeons, and others expert in curing should be powerful to help today.

Persons with this birthdate are under aspects promising success and fortune during the twelfth month. They must beware against fickleness and gambling. Children are born under stars today that often grant great powers of expression, either vocal or literary, quickness of wit, but a tendency to be vacillating in purpose.

### Answers Given Inquiries Made by Readers of The Times

**Can't Beat Carpets.**  
A Reader—It is unlawful to beat carpets in the back yard in the District of Columbia.

**Clerks for Census.**  
A—Clerks for the thirteenth temporary census are being appointed now.

**Get Copy of Hoyle.**  
A. M.—The information you desire can be obtained from a copy of Hoyle.

**Marriage Between Cousins.**  
U. A. B.—Marriage between cousins is lawful in all States and Territories except Alaska, Oregon, Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, the Dakotas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming.

**May Be Worth \$25.**  
L. H. B.—If the coin which you mention has a sharp wire edge, and is deep, concave, the value is about \$25; if the edge is smooth it is worth only face value. There were two issues of the twenty-dollar gold piece without the motto, "In God We Trust."

**Worth Only Face Value.**  
Query—White penny of 1832 issue has only face value.

**Rockefeller Richer.**  
L. M. R.—Mr Rockefeller was richer than Mr. De Beers. The latter is now dead.

**How Russia Is Governed.**  
Mrs. T.—The government of Russia is one of the two autocratic monarchies which yet remain on the continent of Europe. The legislative, executive and

judicial power is vested solely in the Czar, who hears the title autocrat of all the Russias.

The legislative and executive power is exercised through certain great councils of state composed of functionaries appointed by the Czar and responsible solely to him.

The council of the empire, a consultative assembly; the senate, divided into six sections with regard to the special functions; and the holy synod are the three principal governing bodies, the fourth being the council of ministers.

A corps of private ministers to the Czar charged with the administration of public charities, the examination and publication of laws and control of certain branches of the police service, is another ramification of the government.

About three years ago, in response to the constant agitation for a constitutional form of government, the duma was established. The duma is an elective body, but its functions are advisory rather than legislative or judicial and it also is under the direct domination of the sovereign.

The Balkan states, Roumania, Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro have as their respective rulers in the order named, King Charles, King Peter (Kara-Georgevich) Czar Ferdinand and Prince Nicholas.

**Morgan's Address.**  
Mrs. M. J. Pierpont Morgan's business address is 23 Wall street and his home address 221 Madison avenue, New York City.

**Borrow a "Learned Gypsy."**  
Inquirer—The "learned gypsy" to whom you have reference may possibly be George Borrow, the English author,

whose books "Romany Rye" and "Lavengro" deal with the gypsy life led by the author himself.

**Marriage License News.**  
Constant reader—The fact that a marriage license is issued in Alexandria, Va., or in Rockville, Md., is not published in Washington papers unless there is some special news interest attached to the wedding which takes place.

**Missionaries' Fares.**  
A reader—A missionary may secure reduction of railroad rates when traveling, provided he has secured a half rate card issued by the passenger department of the respective railroad line on which he wishes to travel. To secure this card, the missionary should make application to the local passenger agent, who will refer the matter to his general passenger department.

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### Emotions Usually Affect the Stomach Writes Atlanta, Ga., Medical Expert

IN VIEW of the disturbing influence upon appetite and digestion of bereavement, it is strange indeed that in some countries, and even among some sects in this country, the funeral feast still obtains.

What could be more incompatible than food and grief?

"Recently there came under my care," writes a medical expert of Atlanta, "for chronic indigestion a married woman who, up to the death of her only infant,

never knew she had a stomach," to quote her own words. Since then she has known little else. Treatment has not proved satisfactory. But if she had other children I am confident her trouble would disappear, for, in other respects she is apparently a healthy woman."

Parents should avoid worrying children during meals about small breaches of table etiquette. Let correction come between meals. A reproach before company is often enough to upset a child's digestion; and good digestion is more precious even than good manners.

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